

Give Your Old Clothes and Textiles a New Life

Why Recycle Clothes and Textiles?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, an estimated 9.8 million tons of textiles were generated in 2001. Of this total, only 1.4 million tons (14.6%) of textiles generated were recycled. That means we can do a lot more to get these materials to those who need them and keep them out of the waste stream.

Montgomery County's Department of Public Works and Transportation has developed a new program to expand opportunities for reusing and recycling textiles and clothing within Montgomery County. Here's how it works.

What Can Be Reused/Recycled

The following products can be recycled:

clothing if it is clean and in wearable condition,	drapes	shoes in pairs
towels	sheets	belts
handbags	pieces of cloth that are larger than 15"x15"	

How to Prepare

Clean and dry all cloth textiles and place the materials in a plastic bag. Plastic bags keep out moisture that causes mildew. Clothes with mildew cannot be reused or recycled and will not be accepted.

Where To Take Clothing and Textiles

Please consider donating clothing to charities listed below first. Textiles are accepted at the Waste Transfer Station, located at the intersection of Route 355 and Shady Grove Road. The Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Use entrance off Route 355.

Clothing

Clothes must be in good condition to be accepted by any of the nonprofit programs listed below. Clean, dry clothing and textiles in poor condition may be taken to the textile drop-off at the Montgomery County Transfer Station.

C-4 Clothes Closet

14015 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20904-6200
301-989-8742

Clothing drop-off is in two bins at back of building.

Deja New (Homeless)

7740 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda MD
301-656-0845

Monday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Housing Opportunities Commission

10400 Detrick Avenue
Kensington MD 20895
301-929-5642

Contact: Dorothy Douglas
Accepts business clothing only for job hunters.

Interfaith Clothing Center

751 Twinbrook Parkway
Broom Middle School
Rockville MD 20851

301-424-3796

Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Upcounty Interfaith Clothing Center

620 East Diamond Avenue, Suite M
Gaithersburg MD 20877
301-977-1267

Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Both these Centers accept used or new children's, women's and men's clothing and shoes, toys, games, children's books, dishes, flatware, pots and pans, sheets, towels, blankets, curtains, small appliances in working condition, hangers and large shopping bags.

St. John Neuman Church

Warfield and Goshen Roads
Gaithersburg MD 20879

St. Vincent de Paul Society maintains a dark blue bin in the parking lot east of the church building.

Accepts wearable clothing only in secure plastic bags.

Shepherd's Table

8210 Colonial Lane
 Silver Spring MD 20910-3350
 301 585-6463 call after 9:00 a.m.
 All clothes accepted.
 Monday-through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-
 6:00 p.m and Saturday and Sunday from
 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Call the shelters listed below beforehand to be sure that clothing is needed. Clothes must be in good condition and are usually accepted on a seasonal basis. Local congregations, such as churches and synagogues often have clothing drives and sometimes have clothing closets. Support them when you can.

Bethesda House

4848 Cordell Avenue
 Bethesda MD 20814-3011
 301-907-9597
 Accepts men's clothing only.
 Every day from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Carroll House Men's Shelter

2699 Linden Lane
 Silver Spring MD 20910-1246
 301-495-4900
 Accepts men's clothing only.

Dorothy Day Place

251 N. Stonestreet Avenue
 Rockville MD 20850
 301-762-8314
 Accepts only women's clothing.
 Open 24 hours a day.

National Center for Children & Families

6301 Greentree Road
 Bethesda MD 20817
 301-365-2190 also 301-365-4480
 FAX 301-365-2536
 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Web: www.nccf-cares.org

Rainbow Place for Women**Rockville Presbyterian Church**

215 W. Montgomery Avenue
 Rockville MD 20850-2804
 301-762-3363
 Accepts sweatsuits, nightgowns, caps,
 mittens, scarves, and more.
 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Stepping Stones Shelter

4070 Copperstone Court
 Rockville MD 20848-0712
 301-251-0567
 Accepts seasonally appropriate clothing in
 good condition. 24 hours a day.

Wells Robertson House

One Wells Avenue
 Gaithersburg MD 20877
 301-258-6390, call before drop off.
 Accepts seasonally appropriate clothing.
 Open 24 hours a day.

Textile and clothing recycling is a low cost program that benefits our community's needy, provides clothing for people overseas, and reduces waste going to our disposal facilities. Remember, the more you do, the more it matters.



This program is a cooperative effort of:

**Montgomery County Department
 of Public Works and Transportation
 Division of Solid Waste Services**

**Community Ministry of Montgomery
 County**

and

**The National Consortium of Textile
 Recycling**

**If you need more information, contact
 The Montgomery County Transfer Station
 at 301-840-2370**

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